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BOSTON HAIR STYLIST CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED ARSON

Boston, MA... A Boston man was convicted today in U.S. District Court of attempting to set fire to his Boston beauty salon.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - New England Field Division, Roderick Fraser, Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department and Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis, announced that **PAUL F. MARE**, age 44, of 93 E. Brookline Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was convicted today by a federal jury on one count of attempted arson in violation of the federal anti-arson act, which protects commercial property.

MARE, a hair stylist, rented commercial space at 42 Bromfield Street, Boston, Massachusetts, where he owned and operated a beauty salon known as Salon Mare, Inc. On May 7, 2005, MARE intentionally set fire to his business in order to damage or destroy it for insurance proceeds.

Judge Saris scheduled **MARE's** sentencing for July 15, 2008. **MARE** faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment on the attempted arson charge. The charge also carries a maximum term of 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - New England Field Division, the Boston Fire Department - Fire Investigation Unit and the Boston Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antoinette E.M. Leoney in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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